

PROHIBITION does prohibit—when applied to the freedom of the ballot.

THE Harrimans, the Rockefellers, the Morgans, the Carnegies, etc., can all now unctuously and fearlessly cry, "Let us all prey."

Down with the Primary! It is a snare and a pitfall all in one, as the Democrats of Missouri know to their sorrow. The Republicans were the wiser in their avoidance of its effect.

If democrats had the proper stamina they would boycott every d—d establishment that by threats or promises coerced its employees into voting the Republican ticket. Is this reasonable utterance?

THE average workingman seems to have sold his birthright of liberty for a promised full dinner-pail. This beats the potage incident all hollow, for in the latter case the goods were delivered at the time of the transaction.

CHAIRMAN DICKEY of the Republican State Central Committee is calling for contributions to make up a deficit of \$8,000. He says the committee, during the campaign, "sent money to every county in the State." Here in Iron county the Republican bosses have been saying that they received no campaign boodle. Somebody's equivocation!

How long will it be until a National Press Censor shall regulate us in our comments upon the Business Interests of the country? Are not the Trusts made sacred from assault—made so through their overwhelming approval by the ballot, which the late John G. Whittier assures us, "Executes the freeman's will as lightning does the will of God?" Surely, the fellow who will now raise his voice or trace his finger against these Benevolent Business Assimilations hath treason in his heart, and hanging, drawing and quartering must be his portion.

THE German Alliance may hereafter discover that it overshoot the mark in fighting Mr. Cowherd because he frankly and openly avowed his intention, if elected Governor, to enforce the laws relative to Sunday, as well in the city as in the country. Now, I don't believe in statutory enforcement of religious belief, holding that it is a denial of the freedom of conscience, and works only evil in the end. But it is much more unjust in this matter to make fish of the country and flesh of the city. As long as these laws are on the statute books let them be obeyed by the beer garden as well as the saloon; by the plug-hatted urbanite and the hickory-shirted clod hopper alike. I don't like Prohibition, local or state-wide, because I believe it an infringement on the liberty of men whom God did not hesitate to place in juxtaposition to temptation. But if it shall become necessary to adopt Prohibition to give us all sumptuary equality before the law—ye German Alliance, "look a leedle out!"

THE following is going the rounds of the press, and, if true, is very remarkable: "There were 75,000 more votes cast in the State of Missouri at the presidential and State election four years ago than were this year. There were 30,000 more votes cast at the election in this State two years ago than were cast this time. These are the figures which have been compiled from the reports and given out by Cowherd managers. No one can explain this peculiar falling off of the vote, no one seems to be able to even offer a theoretical solution of the problem, and the Democratic leaders will closely study conditions, write letters over the State and endeavor to ascertain if possible why it was that so many of the voters stayed at home and did not go to the polls on election day. Oddly enough, a great portion of the Republican vote stayed at home as well as the Democrats, and while the figures show that the percentage of this 75,000 votes was greatly against the Democrats, yet the number of Republican votes which were conspicuous by their absence was startlingly large. It is probable that a close study of the conditions will reveal the cause which has mystified the Democratic leaders. It was believed that the heaviest vote in years was to be polled in Missouri this election."

JACKSON Cash-Book: "The Republican leaders pulled off a big love feast and ratification of Mr. Hadley's election as governor at the Coliseum in St. Louis last Saturday night. Over two thou-

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and invited guests sat down at tables and feasted. Two breweries in the city distributed two thousand bottles of beer throughout the audience. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Jephtha Howe, who used an empty beer bottle for a gavel. Enthusiasm and the two thousand bottles of beer had made the crowd so disorderly that the chairman broke the bottle in his efforts to call them to order. He was handed another empty beer bottle and finally succeeded in restoring order. It will doubtless be highly gratifying to the several thousand law-and-order Democrats who were fooled into scratching Mr. Cowherd's name off their ballots, or voting outright for his Republican opponent, to know that the second empty beer bottle the speaker used for a gavel was one which Governor-elect Hadley had just emptied. As between Hadley in the midst of two thousand bottles of beer donated by the St. Louis breweries, and Cowherd, a man who is said to be a total abstainer, which would you prefer, brother Democrat who scratched your candidate's name off your ticket?"

I READ in the Post-Dispatch of last Thursday evening an interview in which the following language is put in the mouth of the Hon. Dave Ball:

"They wouldn't believe I was sick before the election," said Col. Ball to a Post-Dispatch reporter. "I dragged myself from a sick bed to make speeches for the Democratic ticket, including Mr. Cowherd. After I had done this, Mr. Cowherd came to my home town, Louisiana, and made a speech, in which he practically told me and my friends that he did not want our support, as he had enough votes without ours. Gov. Folk was speaking when Mr. Cowherd entered the hall. I met him and showed him every possible attention and introduced him to the audience. His speech made some of our people so angry that I had to use all my influence to prevent them from scratching him. After this kind of work it is unfair to accuse me of his defeat. I could have said the word in Louisiana and he wouldn't have got many votes there. Instead I worked like a beaver to save him from his own blunder. The old Democratic gang ought to realize now that it cannot jam a ticket down the Democrats of this State, regardless of the methods by which the ticket is nominated. Twice the tickets thus forced upon the people have been defeated. These reputed bosses of the party ought to realize that it is time to take a back seat."

It will take other testimony than that given by the P.-D. to convince me that Dave Ball gave utterance to the above. In the first place, the "interview" bears all the shelf-worn ear-marks of the paper printing it. "The old Democratic gang," "the bosses," "the old guard," etc., are peculiar to the sheet that hates Stone and is continually making spiteful flings at Mr. Bryan—still keeping it up since the election. Beside this, I know Dave Ball and heartily supported him for the nomination. I have talked with him more than once during the past four years and know he has as little use for spectacular Civic Purity and grasping phariseism as any man in the State. He has always been an honest and consistent member of "the old Democratic gang," and would be the last person of my acquaintance to throw dirt at the men and the organization that stood up for Missouri through all

the years that the G.-D. with malice and falsehood was befouling her good name; during all the time that the P.-D., owned and conducted by a man with no interest in common with her people, was belittling our intelligence and assailing the men we held in honor. If competent proof should be produced that Mr. Ball did really say the things attributed to him, a *de lunatico inquirendo* would be next in order, and with heavy bosoms his old friends would perform a sigh, "Alas, poor Dave!"

From Senator Stone.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Nov. 20. Ed. Register—As it is wholly impracticable for me to write individual letters to my numerous friends throughout the state personally thanking them for the support they gave me in the recent campaign, I beg you to allow me through the columns of your paper to thank them publicly. This I do most heartily, and I wish to assure each and all that their kindness will be long held in grateful remembrance.

While I am grateful, as I should be, to those who supported me, I hold naught of ill-feeling or pique toward those who felt obligated for any reason to support some other candidate. What candidate for public favor one may support is always a question each man must decide for himself, and because one may decide for reasons of his own to support one opposed to me is no cause of offense to me. Now that the struggle is ended it is to be hoped that the asperities of the contest will be forgotten and that all democrats will fall into line for better luck in future.

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WM. J. STONE.

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